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Mr. Matthew Lee  
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Re: Refund Request in Application 08/506,032, Applicant Document 032-49

Dear Mr. Lee:

On 14 October 2003 I mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO): (a) an Amendment with the document number and in the application listed above, and (b) check in the amount of \$3000 payable to the Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office in payment of fees for the Amendment, with the difference to be deposited to my deposit account 061553. According to a phone conversation I had on 15 December 2003 with Ms. Carla Scat in the PTO's Deposit Account Branch, the PTO assessed the following fees against the check on 23 October 2003:

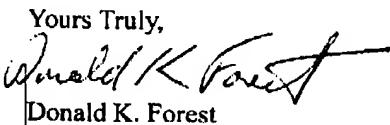
- (a) \$2439, fee code 2202, claims in excess of 20;
- (b) \$86, fee code 2201, independent claims in excess of 3; and
- (c) \$475, fee code 2253, filing extension within 3<sup>rd</sup> month.

The fees assessed total \$3000 exactly. The PTO did not make any deposit or charge against my deposit account.

The Amendment included 71 new claims, specifically claims 206 through 276. Ten of these new claims are independent claims. Since I am a small entity applicant, the charge for claims in excess of 20 should have been \$639, the fee for 71 claims @ \$9/claim. The charge for independent claims in excess of three should have been \$430, the fee for ten independent claims @ \$43/claim. Please credit the difference \$1456 representing the claim fees assessed (\$2439 + \$86) minus the claim fees due (\$639 + \$430), to my deposit account as requested in the Amendment.

Please find appended a copy of both sides of the cancelled check.

Please fax me at the number above to let me know of your decision on this refund request. If you have any questions about this request, please call me at the number above.

Yours Truly,  
  
 Donald K. Forest

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